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Enjoy Field Day at Home

From The Prez

Being Apart

In one way it was sad, in another way it was good to hear some members on the net lament about not having CARS meetings, club activities, or most of all, not seeing their ham buddies on a regular basis. We all miss that. The good I take away from this is the fact that we have members who really enjoy and appreciate our club. All too often, the officers, Board members, and active members question why such a small percentage of our membership participate in activities such as meetings, nets, summer picnics, holiday parties, or Field Day; and why even a smaller group is willing to pitch in and do the work necessary to make an organization run. We still can't find anyone to make coffee at our meetings. Really?!

So to those of you who are active members-THANK YOU. Thank you for making CARS the great club it is. And for those of you who are less active, check in to our nets on Wednesday nights, attend a meeting on the second Tuesday, and bring your family to the summer picnic and holiday party. We are a friendly group and welcome everyone.

On-the-Air Meeting III

The first On-the-Air meeting we had in April went pretty well; it was a trial balloon that flew. We had twenty-five participants and conducted some necessary business. We were also able to initiate an upgrade to our EchoLink system. There were a lot of favorable comments on the following days net. When we again needed to meet on the air in May, we were fortunate to include a Zoom presentation after the meeting hosted by Anthony Luscre, K8ZT, the ARRL Ohio Section Youth Coordinator & Education Outreach. We were hoping the meeting and online program would be a step up.

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**Next CARS
Meeting
Tuesday, June 9
7:30 PM
ON-THE AIR
MEETING
146.820
CARS REPEATER**

Wrong! We had about half of the members attend as we did in April, and only a few join into the Zoom presentation "Having Fun with Morse Code." That was disappointing. Looks like we'll have another shot at it, since the Metroparks will be unusable for our June meeting, and Busch's Community Rooms are closed. I will again request Anthony to do one of his Zoom presentations after we have another On-the-Air meeting on June 9th at 7:30 PM. Let's see if we can make this a hit.



Field Day

The Virus has changed our lives. For us hams it looks like we need to be creative this year for Field Day. The traditional multi station club setup in an area open to the public to display and promote our hobby is not in the best interest. But Field Day is about survival. It's about survival under all conditions with no permanent shelter or commercial power. It's about communicating with our radios no matter what. So now we are battling an invisible enemy. An enemy we cannot see or sense. We have to protect ourselves and those we come in contact with. One solution is to follow the ARRL's suggestion of having club members operate Field Day from their home stations. Many clubs are doing this, and the ARRL just changed the 2020 Field Day rules to make this more accommodating to clubs. The CARS Field Day Committee has voted to take this approach. Further down the page, I will give a more in-depth explanation of how this will work and how members can participate. It has all come up suddenly, so further information will be disseminated on the nets, during the June On-the-Air meeting, and on the CARS website. Stay tuned and fasten your seatbelts, this is going to be one wild ride.

73, Toby, WT8O

Peep from the Veep Mark, WJ8WM

I sat in front of my TV yesterday anxiously waiting the lift off. We (the United States) are back in the space program. Yes, I know we have astronauts in space at the ISS but not the same when they have to get a ride from another country.

I grew up with the space program. Every shot was history making in those days. I had the same excitement and pride yesterday as I did in '69 when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon! I remember Skylab our first space station; and then the shuttle program. In my mind the US should be leading the space race.

I toured the Kennedy Space Center many years ago. It is an amazing facility. Not from Kennedy, but I have been in Florida during one shuttle lift off and three returns.

I am happy to be able to witness this NEW space program; the private / government partnership. I have a deep appreciation for Elon Musk and his talented team. His / their vision is just what we need to jumpstart space exploration. The development of a reusable booster is a huge milestone in managing cost. The Falcon 9 & Crew Dragon capsule is arguably the safest rocket made.

I wish astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley and their nicknamed "Endeavor" capsule much luck and success on their four month mission.

**Minutes of the
CUYAHOGA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
May 12, 2020**

Because of the coronavirus the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society held its May 2020 meeting on the club repeater 146.82 (-) MHz at 7:30 P. M.

CALLED TO ORDER---The meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, at 7:30 P. M.

PLEDGE OF ALEGENCE---Those present pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APRIL MINUTES---The minutes of the April meeting were approved as published in the May *Wobbly Oscillator*.

NEW MEMBER---Jerry Kuhn, W8KDG, asked to be a member of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society. He was admitted unanimously.

FCC RULES---Vice President Mark Moro, WJ8WM, pointed out that the FCC has relaxed the rules to allow online VE testing.

PUBLIC SERVICE---Arp, K8ARP, reported that the Buckeye Breakaway, formerly Pedal to the Point, is still on as scheduled. County Fair has not yet been canceled.

REPEATER STRVICES---Scott, AC8NW, requested that, whenever practical, the members make use of the new features that have recently been added to our repeater.

ADJOURNMENT---The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

After the meeting Anthony Luscre, K8ZT, put on an on-the-air program entitled "Having Fun With Morse Code."
Ed Stevens, Secretary

**CARS
Repeaters**

146.820 (-) PL Tone 110.9

Main Site – Brecksville

Receive Only Site – Brunswick

Receive Only Site – Shaker Hts.

Allstar Node 47067

EchoLink Node 343470 (K8ZFR-R)

443.825 (+) PL Tone 131.8

Digital Yaesu Fusion

Linked to 146.82 Repeater

Brecksville

444.75 (+) Receive PL Tone 131.8

449.75 Transmit

Stand-alone Not Linked

Shaker Hts.



Congratulations to Bob, K8RGI, for being first in Ohio in the 2020 Louisiana QSO Party.

June Birthdays

Scott Smith, ACSNW	6/6/61
John Chesna, KCSWBH	6/10/55
Joe Ulaszewski, KDSBAL	6/21/50
Kathy Hogan, KESMAH	6/22
Lou Ignaczak, NSPZK	6/24
Jerry Kuhn, WSKDG	6/30/73



Mark, WJ8WM, and Metro, W8MET, doing some antenna work at the QTH of Bob, KK8ZZ.

Field Day 2020 Toby, WT8O

Home Stations

Our lives have all been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including Field Day. Clubs have to modify past practices to comply with health and safety guidelines. Most large clubs cannot have a large gathering in a public place, so they are following the ARRL's suggestion to have its members participate in Field Day using their home stations. CARS will be doing this.

The ARRL has changed the 2020 Field Day rules to afford home stations more flexibility to allow them to participate as a club. Two rule waivers were adopted May 27th 2020.

“1) For Field Day 2020 only, Class D stations may work all other Field Day stations, including other Class D stations, for points.

Field Day rule 4.6 defines Class D stations as “Home stations,” including stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations using commercial power. Class D stations ordinarily may only count contacts made with Class A, B, C, E, and F Field Day stations, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows Class D stations to count contacts with other Class D stations for QSO credit.

2) In addition, for 2020 only, an aggregate club score will be published, which will be the sum of all individual entries indicating a specific club (similar to the aggregate score totals used in ARRL affiliated club competitions).

Ordinarily, club names are only published in the results for Class A and Class F entries, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows participants from any Class to optionally include a single club name with their submitted results following Field Day.

For example, if Podunk Hollow Radio Club members Becky, W1BXY, and Hiram, W1AW, both participate in 2020 Field Day — Hiram from his Class D home station, and Becky from her Class C mobile station — both can include the radio club's name when reporting their individual results. The published results listing will include individual scores for Hiram and Becky, plus a combined score for all entries identified as Podunk Hollow Radio Club.

The temporary rule waivers were adopted by the PSC on May 27, 2020.”

[Copied from the ARRL website 5/31/2020]

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What does this mean to CARS members wishing to participate in Field Day?

It means instead of traveling to a club Field Day site, you would operate from your home station during the normal time period beginning Saturday, June 27th at 1800 UTC (2:00 PM EDT) and ending Sunday, June 28th at 1800 UTC. It would be highly advisable to download and read the Field Day rules available on the ARRL website.

It also means you would need to purchase and use logging software, and submit your log to the ARRL indicating that you are a Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society member. CARS has always used N3FJP logging software. If you have ever participated in a CARS Field Day, this is the logging program you used. I highly recommend it. It is available at www.n3fjp.com for \$8.99, and has been revised to incorporate the 5/27/20 rule changes.

We will be discussing everything and answering questions on the nets and during our June On-the-Air meeting. I am also available via phone, text, or email 24/7 to assist anyone with questions.

Honorary Members

Any person who by nature of outstanding or meritorious contribution to the furtherance of amateur radio and the ideals of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society

Robert Check, W8GC

Elected 2/10/15

Thomas Wayne, WB8N

Elected 1/10/17

Dwaine Modock, K8ME, SK

Elected 5/9/17

Toby Kolman, WT8O

Elected 10/10/17

Jerry Smith, NW9H

Elected 5/8/18

Ron Borkey, K8VJG

Elected 5/14/19

June Net Sked

JUN	3	K8RJH
JUN	10	KD8ACO
JUN	17	WT8O
JUN	24	N8OWS

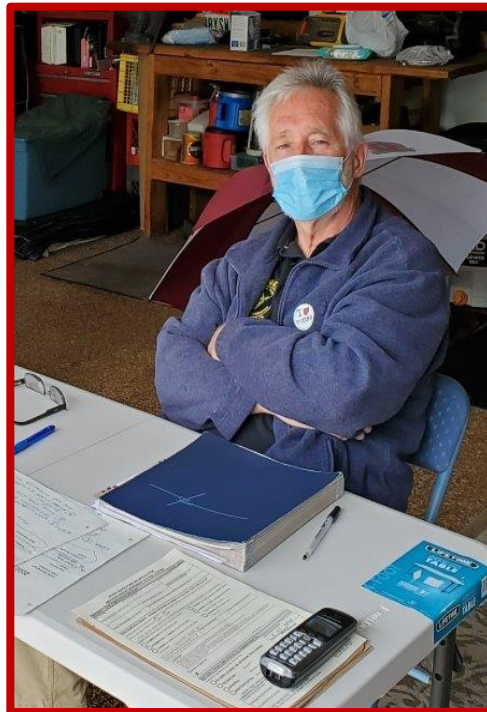
Nets are run every Wednesday at
9:00 PM on 146.820 (PL 110.9)

Special VE Session Toby, WT8O

Going above and beyond the call of duty, Metro, W8MET, the CARS VE leader, held a special session at his home on May 22nd 2020. He was assisted by VE team members Gary, NI8Z, and Roger, N8TCP. The special session was held so the hams who attended the CARS licensing classes could upgrade and others could obtain their Technician tickets. The exams were held at Metro's home in Independence because no municipal facilities were available. Social distancing was observed throughout the session with groups staggered in different time slots and the individuals took their exams inside their personal vehicles.

Kathleen Stouffer and Anthony Kuches passed their Technician exams becoming licensed amateurs. Rick Lukich, KE8MAD; Don Perkins, KD8LDG; Connie Sheehan, K8CCS; and Shauna Welch, KE8MAC; upgraded to General. Linda Burlingham, W8LBB, and Dan Kuches, KE8KES, reached the top of the amateur totem pole passing their Extra exams. Congratulations to all, and welcome to the Amateur Radio Service to Kathleen and Anthony.

Hats off to Metro, Gary, and Roger for making the event happen.



Metro, W8MET, running a safe VE session.

RadioSport

Contests

June 13, 1800 – June 15, 0259 **ARRL June VHF Contest** 50 and up CW Ph Dig
Exchange: 4-character grid square www.arrl.org/june-vhf

June 20, 1800 – 2359 **ARRL Kids Day** 3.5, 7, 14, 21, 24, 28 144 repeaters Ph
Exchange: Name, age, QTH, favorite color www.arrl.org/kids-day

June 27, 1800-June 28, 2100 **ARRL Field Day** All bands (no WARC) CW Ph Dig www.arrl.org/fieldday
Exchange: Number of Transmitters, operating class, ARRL/RAC section or DX

Special Events Stations

June 3 – June 10, 1300 - 2200 **W2W** Baltimore, MD **D-Day Commemoration** 14.244 14.044
7.244 7.044 3.544 3.844 (Digital modes possible during event) Certificate & QSL www-2.us

June 6 - June 7, 1300 - 2100 **K8E** Toledo, OH **Museum Ships Weekend** 14.260 14.039
7.260 7.039 Certificate www.tmrhamradio.org

June 12-June 14, 1300-2359 **W3W** Cumberland, MD **Whiskey Rebellion/Cumberland Heritage Days**
14.322 7.222 3.855 www.hamtalk.org

June 28-July 3, 1300-0500 **K2BSA/8** Metamora, MI **Boy Scouts of America Trail to Eagle XXVI**
14.330 7.270 3.840 michiganscouting.org/event/trail-to-eagle-xxvi-2019-trail-to-eagle

State QSO Parties

June 6, 1400 - June 7, 0200 **Kentucky QSO Party** 1.8-144 CW Ph Dig www.kyqsoparty.org
Exchange: RS(T), county or SPC (State, Province, DXCC Entity)

June 20, 160 –June 21, 0400 **West Virginia QSO Party** 3.5-28 CW Ph Dig gsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp/wvqp/html
Exchange: RS(T), county or SPC

Sampling from June, 2020 QST - Pg. 69, 80 and 81. See QST for many more events.

All times in GMT ZULU time

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W8GC ** WT8O

Christmas party & Summer Picnic

WJ8WM **, K8ARP

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N8OWS **

Field Day

WT8O **, WJ8WM, K8RGI, K8ARP, KD8SCV,
AC8NW, AC8TN, K8RJH, N8BBB food

50/50

KD8SCV

Hamvention Bus

KD8FTS **

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WB8N **

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K8RJH ** pop, ?? ** coffee,
NW8X ** Donuts

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W8GC ** WJ8WM, KD8SCV, WB8ROK, WB8N

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Andy, KD8SCV ** 440-886-0723

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June 2, 2020